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1. A new oil refinery is under construction east of Bratislava, near the confluence of the Danube and the Maly Duna (Small Danube) River. The site of the refinery is bordered in the north by fields lying in the community of Prievoz, in the south by the Maly Duna River and in the west by the Danube and the two branches of it which form the Bratislava winter harbor.
2. This refinery is still under construction; it is to be completed by 1956 under the Five Year Plan. Nevertheless, of the first 30 refining units scheduled for construction there are 15 which are already in operation. Another 50 units are to be built, so that there will be a total of 80 when the refinery is finished.
3. The units now in operation are refining the following items:
 - a. Waxes of three different grades.
 - b. Paraffin of three different grades.
 - c. Petroleum wastes for the manufacture of lubricating oils.
 - d. Gasoline.
 - e. Benzol.
 - f. Oil of four different grades.
 - g. High-octane gasoline.

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4. [redacted] at the present rate of operation, an average of one trainload, or about 30 tankcars carrying 10,000 liters each, of gasoline leaves the refinery daily. 25X1
5. Crude oil for the new refinery comes exclusively from Rumania, via the Danube River. Each tug tows four barges carrying 300,000 liters each. The crude oil is pumped from the Bratislava winter harbor to the new refinery and the Slovnaft refinery through an underground pipeline. There are 20 pumps which serve this purpose. There are storage installations at the winter harbor for the finished products. These storage facilities are located between the new refinery and the pumps. Full barrels of gasoline and oil are also stacked outside these storage buildings in large piles.
6. The refinery employs some 2,600 workers, about 10% of whom are women. A full 40% of the employees are experts in responsible positions who were brought from all over Czechoslovakia. The refinery works three eight-hour shifts. Wages, paid on an hourly basis according to the State Catalogue of Labor, are normalized; they average from 2,800 to 3,300 Kcs. per month, gross, but the experts and technicians, who work on a piece-work basis, average from 5,000 to 10,000 Kcs. per month. Political indoctrination is intense but morale is quite low, chiefly because of the low wages.
7. All the offices of the refinery are concentrated in one administrative building. These offices include security, technical and research branches, plant militia and Communist Party offices.
8. The following are important personnel in the refinery:
- a. Alexei Kozirev, manager [redacted] 25X1
 - b. Eng. Slapansky (fnu), assistant manager [redacted]
Eng. Perez (fnu), assistant manager.
Eng. Ivan Sergejev.²
 - c. Frantisek Riha, chairman of the works council [redacted] 25X1
 - d. Vilian Kubovic, chairman of the plant's Communist Party organization.
[redacted]
 - e. Frantisek Sill, commandant of the plant militia [redacted]
9. The site of the new refinery is entirely surrounded by a wire mesh fence about 2½ meters high, with four strands of barbed wire along the top. There are three gates in this fence, one for railroad and vehicular traffic, the other two for pedestrians. The site is constantly guarded by an army company which is billeted in the building shown as No. 3 on the sketch, Annex A. Guard patrols consist of from one to six men and are changed every four hours. Guards are armed with sub-machine guns, Model A, 7.92 mm. The gates and storage installations inside the plant are guarded by the plant militia, which has a strength of about 100. 25X1

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Comments:

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1. It appears possible that this alleged new refinery is an extension of the Slovnaft refinery (formerly the Apollo refinery), which is also located in the immediate vicinity of the winter harbor at Bratislava.
2. This is apparently a Russian name rather than Czech.

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Annex A - Sketch of New Oil Refinery near Bratislava

Bratislava

Brener

Danube

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5.5 km.

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16a

16b

2.6 km.

Maly Duna

Duna

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Annex BLegend to Sketch of New Refinery near Bratislava

1. Containers of the pumping station in the winter harbor.
2. Administrative building of the plant, guard company, customs house.
3. Billets of army guard company.
4. Old refinery: Apollo Bratislava (Slovnaft refinery).
5. New road from Bratislava to Brenner development.
6. Storage of finished products.
7. Brenner development.
8. Customs buildings, administration offices of the Czechoslovak Railroads.
9. Products ready for shipment from plant.
10. Pool - formerly a branch of the Danube.
11. New refinery units under construction.
12. Novy Brener development.
13. Community of Prievoz, to which the Brener and Novy Brener developments belong.
14. State farm Vlcie Hrdlo, on the right bank of the Danube.
15. Underground pipeline from pumping station to Slovnaft refinery.
16. a. Refinery units in operation.
16. b. Refinery units under construction.
17. Gatekeeper.
18. Transformer station.
19. Storage of finished products.
 - I. Winter harbor.
 - II. Winter harbor.

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